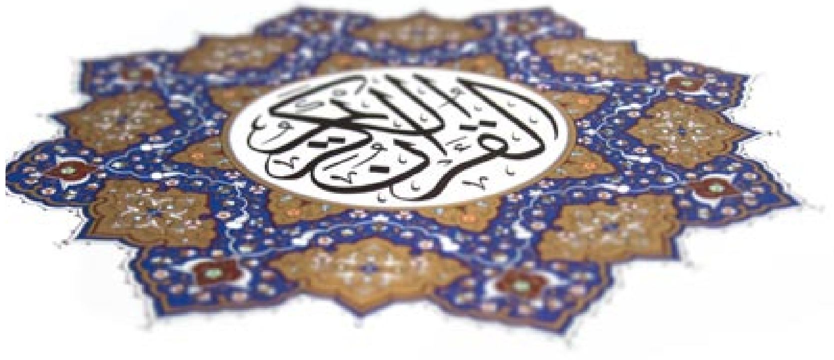


HUMAN TRAFFICKING

AN ISLAMIC VIEW POINT

Human Rights in Islam

Some people believe that those who hold onto a religious view on life have no place in the post modernist world. One of the most unrecognised, yet most overwhelming realities of life is that the moral make-up of humanity itself has not changed throughout time.



(O Mankind! We have created you from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know one another. Verily, the most honorable of you in the Sight of Allah is the believer who has Taqwa (piety and righteousness). Verily, Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware.)

[49:13]

Of course technological advancements have made a difference to the practicalities of life as we know it, but from as early as writing has existed, so you will find that the basic thoughts, ideas, needs, hopes, aspirations, desires, and feelings of humans have all remained constant.



One of the very fundamentals of Islamic belief is that Allah created the world and all that is in it, and that the very first of man and woman were Adam and Hawwah (Eve), and that we are not an evolution from monkeys and apes as some would have us believe. The impact of this can be seen when we look at historic texts, from every part of the world and from every creed, and we see the unvarying nature of man. For greed, jealousy and deceit have all existed, along with the opposite of these ill behaviours, such as moderation, appreciation and honour. Battles once would be waged in hand to hand combat, with ruthless bloodshed and the annihilation of whole villages and communities. Now, Stealth Bombers do the same but in a much more 'dignified' manner, without anyone seeing the physical blood pouring over their own hands.

And indeed oppression of one human against any other living being has been a common trait from the beginning of time. Without a doubt not only will a man consume another man over which he believes he has economic power, physical power or intellectual power, but he will consume the land, animals and bounties that do not belong to him.

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Often when a framework to control man has been drawn up by another man, this inevitably is drawn up to interest the lawmakers themselves, those that hold the power and the wealth. This can clearly be seen in modern day, even to the extent that law makers can break rules, commit gross violations of humanity, and then claim Presidential Immunity. Now when we look at society around us, wherever we are in the world, we are often dealing with the branches



of Human Rights violations, be it domestic violence, abuse of minors or enslavement (be it financial or sexual). Certain abuses are more widespread in different geographical locations, for example, in the Middle East it is much easier to find examples of forced labour be it with males or females working within a house or business, while enforced prostitution is widespread within Europe.



Organising Society

In looking at the three models that can control life in the present age, one is not present in its full form, one is dying, and one is in expanse, globalising the world.

Does man think that he will be left neglected without being punished or rewarded for the obligatory duties enjoined by his Lord (Allah) on him? ...

[75:36-40]

Communism was a system that although promised equality to the people, actually subjugated them completely, allowed the rich to live lavish lifestyles, while the normal man on the street was lulled into thinking that he was serving his country and fellow man by remaining in economic and mental poverty. Capitalism can be seen as the leader of freedom, however approximately 95% of the wealth is held by just 5% of the population, leading to violation of human rights in every aspect. With the division of the world affairs from the affairs of belief, the society has no moral guidance apart from the ever-changing law. The answer to all of the problems is to run a system that removes the desires and needs of the individual, and is designed without the interests of the lawmaker himself. Islam has a complete way of life designed for the function of not just the individual, but the community, country, and indeed the whole globe. The system is designed by the creator of man himself, and the decision of man is not included within the framework of the rules.

When an individual understands his relationship with the creator, that he has been created by an all mighty being, and he will return to that being and answer for every action committed, it has an impact

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upon the actions, attitudes and behaviours. For the opposite is also true; if an individual believes he has no account for any action in life unless he gets caught by the authorities, this also affects society as a whole.

By looking at Islam holistically, you can see the difference found in life at every level. The individual will not abuse either their spouse or children, for fear of punishment by the creator, for he knows he will always be caught, as Allah is the all-knowing. He will treat the household with love, care, and nurture his family. This produces a happy society, for everyone is looking after the well-being of one another. The rule of society is more important than the right of the individual, so alcohol in the streets or open deviation of peace and honour will not be tolerated publically. The country will have a code of rule that treats every citizen with rights and dignities as guaranteed by Allah, and the alienation of any human based upon creed or culture is not acceptable. Further, the rights of animals, plant life and natural resource will all be used in the correct manner, for Allah has entrusted us with the role of Khalifah upon the earth, as supervisors, not as owners of wealth and resource, as Allah is the owner of the Earth and all that is within it.

The First Ever Human Rights Declaration

Below is the last sermon of Prophet Mohammad, teaching the believers about the importance of equality and fair treatment, and laid the outline for the first Human Rights declaration, many hundreds of years before the Magna Carta, Bill of Rights and UN human rights codes.



Saturday March 7th, 632

"... O People, just as you regard this month, this day, this city as Sacred, so regard the life and property of every Muslim as a sacred trust. Return the goods entrusted to you to their rightful owners. Hurt no one so that no one may hurt you. Remember that you will indeed meet your Lord, and that He will indeed reckon your deeds. Allah has forbidden you to take usury (interest), therefore all interest obligation shall henceforth be waived. Your capital, however, is yours to keep. You will neither inflict nor suffer any inequity. Allah has judged that there shall be no interest... O People, it is true that you have certain rights with regard to your women, but they also have rights over you. Remember that you have taken them as your wives only under Allah's trust and with His permission. If they abide by your right then to them belongs the right to be fed and clothed in kindness. Do treat your women well and be kind to them for they are your partners and committed helpers. And it is your right that they do not allow anyone to enter your house whom you do not approve of, as well as never to be unchaste... All mankind is from Adam and Eve, an Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab; also a white has no superiority over black nor a black has any superiority over white except by piety and good action. Learn that every Muslim is a brother to every Muslim and that the Muslims constitute one brotherhood. Nothing shall be legitimate to a Muslim which belongs to a fellow Muslim unless it was given freely and willingly. Do not, therefore, do injustice to yourselves... O People, no prophet or apostle will come after me and no new faith will be born. Reason well, therefore, O people, and understand words which I convey to you. I leave behind me two things, the Qur'an and my example, the Sunnah and if you follow these you will never go astray... All those who listen to me shall pass on my words to others and those to others again; and may the last ones understand my words better than those who listen to me directly. Be my witness, O Allah, that I have conveyed your message to your people."

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